



Draft Timeline for Commercial eVTR Framework Development and Implementation

Joint Action by the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) and the New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC)

Task Description	Date (subject to change)
Initiation	December 2018
Formation of FMAT	January/February 2019
FMAT meeting to develop initial draft alternatives/discuss analyses	March 19, 2019
Joint AP meeting	March 25, 2019
MAFMC Council meeting —Framework meeting 1	April 10, 2019
NEFMC Council meeting —update to NEFMC	April 16, 2019
Follow up FMAT meeting	May 10, 2019
NEFMC Council meeting —initiate Framework action	June 13, 2019
AP/industry webinar	July 23, 2019
NEFMC Council meeting —Framework meeting 1	September 2019
FMAT meeting	TBD
MAFMC Council meeting —Framework meeting 2 (final action)	December 10-12, 2019
NEFMC Council meeting —Framework meeting 2 (final action)	December 2019 or January 2020
Finalization of Framework document; submission to NMFS	February 2020
Workshops	Spring 2020-Summer 2020
Proposed rule	March 2020
Final rule	Summer 2020
eVTR requirement implemented*	Summer 2021

* NMFS has indicated that they would extend the implementation deadline up to a year after the final rule for adequate preparation and training for software developers, managers, and affected users.